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Four University of Dayton faculty contributed essays to a book named as the best history book of the year by the Catholic Press Association.

The Catholic Studies Reader, edited by James T. Fisher and Margaret McGuinness, Fordham University Press, included essays by Sandra Yocum, associate professor of religious studies; Una Cadegan, associate professor of history; Cecilia Moore, associate professor of religious studies; and David O'Brien, former University Professor of Faith and Culture.

The book contains 17 scholarly essays in the emerging field of Catholics studies, examining the Catholic Church in the United States from various perspectives including history, theology, culture, literature, politics and sociology.

The University of Dayton offers a doctorate in theology with a focus on the U.S. Catholic experience. The program is regarded as one of the best in the country for U.S. Catholic studies and many of the faculty are nationally and internationally known experts in the field.

The University of Dayton essays are: Yocum, "Passing on the Faith: Training the Next Generation of American Practicing Catholics;" Cadegan, "Catholic Studies in the Spirit of 'Do Whatever He Tells You,'" Moore, co-author, "We Have Been Believers;" and O'Brien, "The (Catholic) Politics of Catholic Studies."

An essay by a theology doctoral student that appeared in *American Catholic Studies* magazine also was honored. Maria Morrow's essay "The Change in the Conception of Sin among Catholics in the United States, 1955-1975," won second place in the category of Best Essay in a Scholarly Magazine.

O'Brien's essay "Learning from 9/11" published in *America* magazine, was awarded third place in a special category honoring the best coverage of the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

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